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## **Falls Dam keeping upper Neuse runoff out of Goldsboro flooding**

**WILMINGTON, North Carolina**, September 27—Flooding in the lower Neuse River basin is expected to crest near 16.1 feet in Goldsboro by Friday morning, following the passage of a series of rain-laden weather systems. "Fortunately, the US Army Corps of Engineers has been able to keep runoff from the Upper Neuse River basin out of this flood," said Terry Brown, water control manager at the Corps' Wilmington District Office.

The Corps took releases from Falls Reservoir down to minimal levels starting August 22<sup>nd</sup>. At minimum releases, amounts of water don't exceed 300 cubic feet per second—the least amount required to maintain healthy water quality.

"The flooding now being experienced in Goldsboro is owing to the uncontrolled runoff from the Neuse and its tributary streams below the Falls Dam," Brown said. "We will not increase our releases from Falls until downstream conditions improve."

Water released from Falls Dam takes three to five days to reach the Goldsboro area, and five to ten days to reach Kinston, according to Brown. "We want people downstream to know that we are well aware of their situation, and we are controlling our releases accordingly," Brown said.

For more information about water levels in Falls Reservoir and other Wilmington District projects, check the Wilmington District Web site at: [www](http://www).